

Columbia County Fire Chiefs' Association  
Directors Meeting      April 18, 2017      19:35

Meeting was brought to order by the President, Ben Wheeler.

Minutes: Motion to accept the reading of the previous Directors' meeting minutes Gregg Gilliland/Dick Howard – Carried.

Minutes of the previous general meeting read for informational purposes only.

Treasurer's Report: Motion to accept the treasurers' report as read by Russ Wheeler, Wally Engel/Dick Howard – Carried.

A copy of the report is attached to these minutes.

Coordinator's Report: Bill Hunt stated he has been contacted by Billy Hilscher about holding training concerning Freight Rail Cars, a work awareness level for First Responders, which would also be good for the Haz-Mat Team.

He is waiting for response from several Chiefs concerning the Thruway. The appraisal on the property under consideration has come in under the asking price, emissions should not be a problem, and he is waiting on the FAA about restrictions.

Thursday, April 20<sup>th</sup> there is an Arson Awareness Program at the Chatham Fire- house.

Reports of Committees:

Special Advisory Board meeting: The appraisal on the property is \$100,000 under the asking price and it appears all the questions have been answered in relationship to height, emissions, water supply, possible pond, and in ground tanks, etc. They viewed the designs of other facilities. The project would be done in stages.

Haz-Mat: Per Bill Hunt all the equipment is being inspected, air-packs are being tested and repaired, and personnel files are being updated.

C&O: Responded to an incident in Lebanon and assisted in the Front Street fire in Hudson.

Safety Trailer: Dick Howard stated Stuyvesant has requested the use of the smoke house, and Patches on Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>.

Ben has been in contact with people about repairing the wiring and replacing the converter on the smoke house.

Fair: Dick will have the floor paint. The paint is being donated.

Also, he has been in contact with Walmart but, has not heard anything in reference to the bikes and helmets.

Gregg Gilliland is working on a schedule for vehicles on display and help at the building.

Training: Nothing has been planned for May. Possibly the training in July will be on learning more about grants.

Sunshine: Wally reported that the Firefighters' Association and the Chiefs' Association will share the cost of flower arrangements at the Friday, April 21<sup>st</sup> banquet, in memory of Jim Van Deusen.

Communications: Russ Wheeler read a very appreciative thank you from Shante Campbell.

The Delegates to the convention will be President, Benn Wheeler and 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, Wally Engel.

Old Business:

Gregg Gilliland suggested asking Rob Lopez to apply for the Fire House Sub Grant through an AFG Grant for the Lazar Nozzle.

Ben is ready to apply for the Walmart Foundation Grant to use in the purchase of the smoke detectors. He hasn't heard back from Johnny O. Bill, Russ, and Ben will work on the by-laws.

The application from Jamie Preusser was reviewed and will be presented at the May general meeting for acceptance.

New Business: Due to the passing of Jim Van Deusen, Wally Engel will fill the vacancy on the Firefighter of the Year Committee.

Announcements:

Next General meeting May 16th at the Germantown Fire Station.

Next Director's meeting June 20<sup>th</sup> at the Vanderbilt, Philmont.

Motion to adjourn Gregg Gilliland/Daryl Garafalo – Carried. 21:35

Secretary,  
Irene Huston